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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Special Sessions

This afternoon, Speaker Herb J. Wesson, Jr.'s Office confirmed that the Governor-elect is planning on calling two Extraordinary Sessions of the Legislature on Tuesday, November 18, 2003. One of the Sessions will be devoted to Workers' Compensation and the other will be focused on the Budget. The specific proclamation details are not known.

In addition, we are advised by the Speaker's Office that the session dedicated to the Budget will include at least two proposals: the "mega" bond and a spending cap. The incoming administration is not planning on introducing a proposal regarding the VLF backfill on Tuesday since there will be an approximately 90-day lag between when the Governor takes action to reinstate the VLF offsets returning the amounts vehicle owners pay to 32.5 percent of the full statutory VLF.

Both the "mega" bond and the spending cap will require passage by the Legislature and signature by the Governor on or before December 5, 2003, in order to have those measures on the March 2004 ballot.

The Extraordinary Sessions of the Assembly are planned for 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 18, 2003. The Speaker does not intend to convene the regular session, and the Extraordinary Sessions will be convened for the purposes of organization, appointment of officers, adoption of rules, appointment of committees and the introduction of bills. The Speaker's Office indicates that there are no Assembly Democratic Caucus bills planned for introduction.

As of today, there is no clear indication from the incoming administration about the convening of an Extraordinary Session devoted to the repeal of SB 60 (Cedillo) – the driver's license bill.

Interim Hearing

The Senate Health and Human Services Committee will hold an interim hearing on Thursday, December 4, 2003 in Los Angeles in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The hearing will focus on the structural deficit in the In-Home Supportive Services, Developmental Disabilities, and Medi-Cal programs. Issues to be discussed include program growth, increased costs and demographic changes.

We will continue to keep you informed.

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